GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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TRADITIONAL HANDICRAFTS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme/measures has been introduced for the protection of traditional handicrafts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the fund allotted for the same during each of the last three years, State-wise and scheme-wise;

(d) the fund utilized during the said period, State-wise and scheme-wise; and

(e) the extent to which the above schemes were found effective in terms of improving living standards of artisans?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SMT. PANABAAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b): For promotion, protection and development of traditional handicrafts in the country, the Government is implementing various schemes during the 11th Five Year Plan, which include: Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana; Marketing Support and Services scheme; Design & Technology Upgradation Scheme; Handicrafts Artisans Welfare Scheme; Human Resource Development Scheme and Research & Development Scheme.

(c): State-wise funds are not allocated by the Government. However, the funds allocated scheme-wise during last three years is as under :

(Rs. In crores)

Sl.No.	Name of the Scheme	2007-08 (Final Grant)	2008-09 (Final Grant)	2009-10 (Final Grant)
1	Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana	34.57	44.39	56.07
2	Marketing Support and Services scheme	34.71	48.58	49.20
3	Design & Technology Upgradation Scheme	10.96	18.62	16.13
4	Handicrafts Artisans Welfare Scheme	71.39	86.52	70.59
5	Human Resource Development Scheme	5.20	4.72	7.80
6	Research & Development Scheme	2.05	6.11	5.95
7	Integrated Development Package for J&K	4.00	-	-
8	Infrastructure (Capital)	3.00	3.22	3.76

(d): The funds utilized State-wise and Scheme-wise during the last three years is enclosed at Annexure - I & II.

(e): All the Schemes are designed to directly or indirectly benefit the artisans. In case of Cluster Development Programme called Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY), intervention are given for a period of 5/7 years in a cluster with the aim to develop self sustaining artisans clusters. As per the terminal evaluation done in 2007 of the scheme, 84 % beneficiaries of this scheme reported increase in monthly income.